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Dear Governor Kotek,

Please look at other avenues for funding. The citizens of Oregon are being taxed too much. In a time where people are having a hard time making ends meet with all of the rising costs in everything from gas to food to insurance and utilities. Where ever you look, the prices are rising. The food bank lines are getting longer and the need for assistance is growing. It is not the time to impose more taxes on the people. We are one of the most taxed states in the union. It seems that every year more taxes and fees are being added. The burden is tremendous for many people of this beautiful state. We need people to stay in Oregon, not move out because it is getting too expensive. I am humbly asking you to please not put this burden on the backs of the people. There is already too much being taken out of our paychecks. Every working person has to pay a transit tax and most of Oregon is rural and do not use transit. That should be limited to the cities that have transit systems. Gas is already high and DMV fees also. I humbly ask you to please reconsider this taxation. The people of Oregon are financially hurting. People that use to have savings are living paycheck to paycheck and sometimes still cannot make ends meet. Adding more financial burden on them just does not seem right. Thank you for your time in reading this. I sincerely hope you will reconsider your bid for these taxes.